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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7899

BILL NUMBER: SB 483

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 12, 2005

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Voter identification.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Heinold

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: No Fiscal Impact

Summary of Legislation: The bill requires a precinct election officer to ask a voter to provide proof of identification before the voter is permitted to vote. The bill provides that a proof of identification is an unexpired document issued by the United States or the state of Indiana that shows the name of the individual to whom the document was issued and a photograph of that individual. The bill provides that if the voter swears or affirms under the penalties of perjury that the voter is indigent or has a religious objection to being photographed, the voter's refusal to provide identification must be noted on the poll list and in the statewide voter registration list.

Effective Date: July 1, 2005.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Under the bill, poll clerks and assistant poll clerks would be required to check the photo identification of a voter attempting to enter the polls. The provision of the bill would add to the administrative responsibility of poll clerks. However, the provision should be able to be administered within existing local resources.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Precinct election boards.

Information Sources: Various County Election Boards and County Circuit Court Clerk's Offices.

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